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NONG BUALAMPHU

History

Nong Bua Lamphu is a new province with an old background. Although recently established, its history goes back over 900 years. In the beginning it was a sovereign town of Sri Sathana Khana Huth, or Vientiane

Circa 2117 B.E., King Naresuan Maharaj led his army to usurp Lan Chang Kingdom. En route, the King and his army took a hiatus in their march at Nong Bua Lamphu. Before he could have resumed, the King had taken ill with a poxvirus, and had to return to the capital. The area is considered an important site in Thai history.

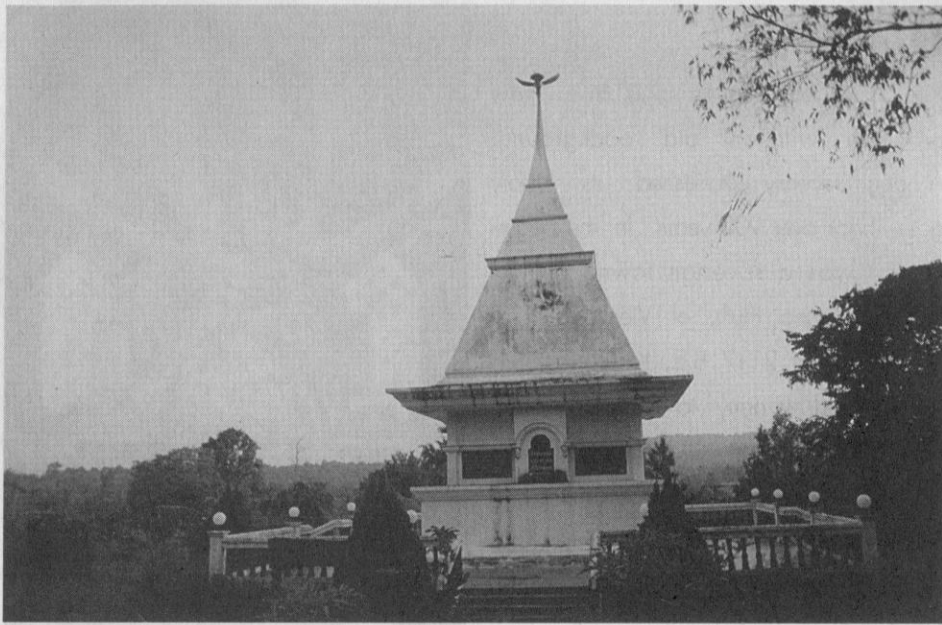
During the reign of King Thonburi, circa 2310 B.E., Phra Vor, Phra Tha, and their people, evaded Phra Chao Siri Boon Sarn, a sovereign of Vientienne, and resettled at Nong Bua lamphu. Here, Khai Phra Vor, Phra Tha, a fortrees, was erected. (The evidence is revealed on the stone wall on mount Phu Phan). Later on, an army from Vientienne came plundering and left the town in ruins. Nong Bua lamphu remained deserted until King Nang Klao of Chakri Dynasty and Phra Pathum Theva Phiban, governor of Nongkhai, designated Phra Vittha Yodhom Khamuttha Khet to rebuild the town and renamed it



Muang khamuttha Saiya Buri Ram.

After Phraya Vittha yodom, demise in 2449 B.E., King Chuia Chom klao promoted Phra Vicharn Khamuttha Kith to a governor and gave the town back its old name-Nohg Bua - Lamphu. One year later, the government advanced the status of the town to District of Nong Bua Lamphu.

The Present - day government saw that Amphoe Nong Bua Lamphu, by itself, was large enough to become a



province. Amphoes Nong Bua Lamphu, Na Klang, Nong Sang, Si Bun Ruang, and Suwannakhuha were excluded from Udon Thani and reunited to form Nong Bua Lamphu Province. The proclamation on 1 December 1991 brought much happiness to its citizens.

Geographic

Nong Bua Lamphu is located on a plateau of upper I - san. It is the 76th province of Thailand. Its boundaries to the north and east are contiguous with Udon Thani. The south and west border on Khon Kean and loei, respectively. It encompasses an area of about 3,859 km.

General physiography is high

plateau intermix with a mountain range to the east. A long range of forested mountain begins at Suwannakhuha District and reaches beyond Muang District all the way to the ranges of Phu Phan in Nong Sang District. The area near Khon Khean is a high plateau that gradually declines as it reaches Na Klang and Si Bun Ruang, s alluvial plains. The area is highly suitable for agriculture.

Administration

Nong Bua Lamphu divides its body of administration into 6 (districts). They are Muang, Nong Sang, Si Bun Ruang, Na Klang, Suwannakhuha, and Na Wang

Attractions

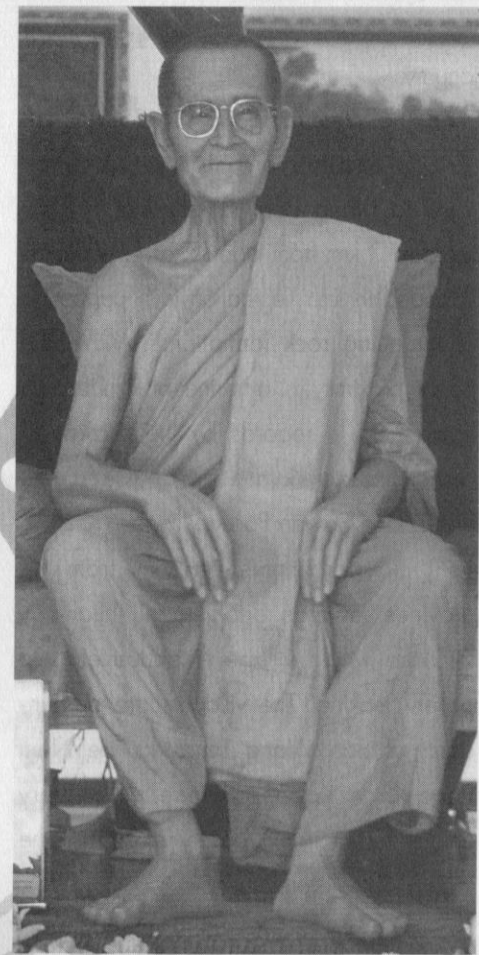
Wat Tham Khlong Paen

As one of the sacred sites in the province, the temple is well - known for its peaceful, forested surrounding. The cave in the temple ground contains an ancient two - faced drum, whence the temple got its name, and a statuesque Buddha image located in a rock alcove. The temple used to serve as a meditational ground of Luang phu khao (a highly revered vipassana monk of Luang phu Mun line) until his demise in 1989. A posthumous museum housing his personal belonging and life-size wax figure is located on the premises. The museum opens daily to public for merit-making and homage-paying.

Wat Tham Khlong Paen is located in Muang District on Highway 210 en route to Nong Bua Lamphu-Udon Thani. From the town, proceed in Udon Thani direction for about 13 km. Turn right into the temple, s entrance and continue for about 2 km. The temple can also be reached by local buses running between Nong Bua Lamphu and Udon Thani.

The Shrine and Monument of King Narasuan the Great

The monumental shrine was built to commemorate the great king on the event that he and his army, on the way to



Vientienne in 2117 B.E., had stopped by the town. Nong Bua Lamphu was then a colony of Hongsawadi Kingdom; and Phra Naresuan journeyed to help King Hongsawadi fight with Sri Satthana Khana Huth (Vientienne). Unfortunately King Naresuan was consumed by dengue fever and consequently returned to Ayutthaya. The monument is situated in Nong Bua Park in front of the district office. An homage-pay-

ing ceremony is held annually on the 25 of January.

Thao Tho Waterfall park.

Located on Highway 210 en route to Nong Bua Lamphu-Udon Thani (approx. 3 km. from Udon Thani), the park is shrouded in lush vegetation with peppering of intriguing rock formations. Within the park's proximity is a shrine of Phu Loop, a figure held in regards by the citizens of Nong Bua Lamphu and other passers-by. Ban Khong Sawan Pottery Village.

Approximately 17 km from the province towards Udon Thani (Highway 210), the whole village is exclusively into pottery making. The villagers are descendants of Ban Wang Thua, Amphoe Nam Pong, Khon Kaen province. Their very unique technique in pottery making is the legacy of their forefathers.

Erawan Cave

A large cave with a winding, spiralling staircase of 600 steps from the ground the cave's opening. A big Buddha statue presiding at its entrance can be seen from afar. The cave's interior resembles a hall, whence the local folklore, Nang Phom Hom, or Fragrant-haired Lady, originated. The cave contains Magnificent stalagmite and stalactite formations. Erawan cave is located in Na Wang District on Nong Bua

Lamphu- Loei route (Highway 210) at Kiometres post 13. At approximately 45 Km from town, turn right and continue for about two Km. The cave can be reached by local buses enroute to Nong Bua Lamphu - Loei.

Ancient Shell Deposit or Susarn Hoi Lan Pi

The site is located on a mountain with a 50-meter-high cliff. The shell deposit dates back to late Jurassic period, or about 140-150 million years ago. The fossil remains are of various ammonites still in great condition. Some are quiet and weigh as much as half kilogram. Near the deposit is found a fossilized remains of an ancient crocodile. There were shards of Jamaican rock and other unidentified elements.

Susarn Hoi Lan Pi is located at Ban Huai Dua, Tambol Non Than, Amphoe Muang. From the province, head on Highway 210 to Udon Thani. After about 10 km. turn left and continue for about 500 metre. The site of the deposit can be reached by buses from Nong Bua Lamphu to Udon Thani.

Archaeological Site at Ban Khud Kho Moei and Ban Khud Khwang Soi

These two sites are where the archaeological discoveries of objects were made. The artifacts unearthed are various objects art and pieces of pottery resembling the ones found at Ban Chiang excavation.

The routes to both sites are as follows

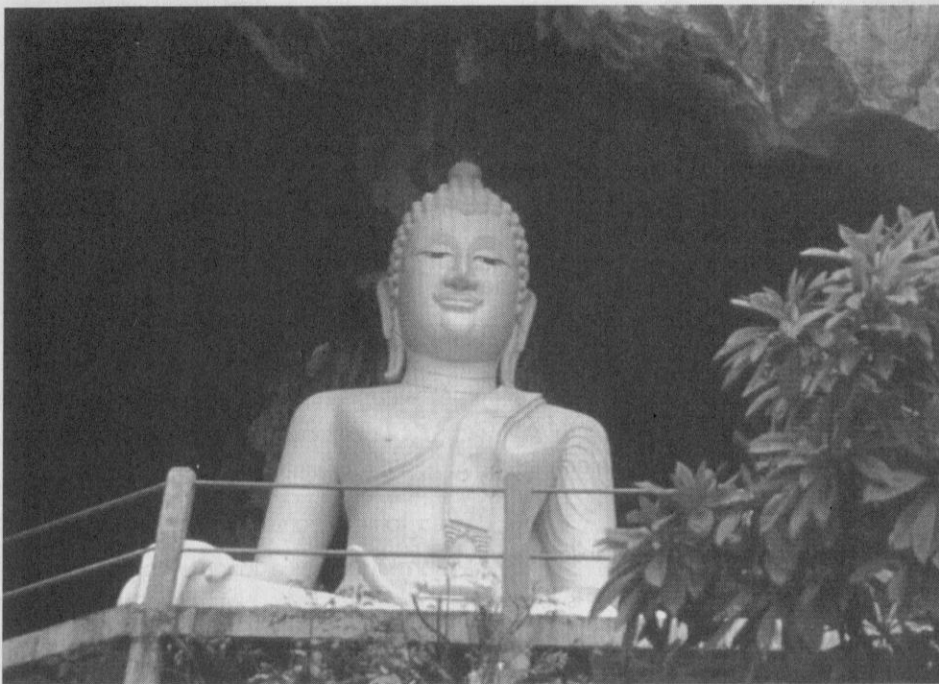
1. Ban Khud Kho Moei is located in Tambol Khuddu, Non Sang District. Proceed on Highway 2146 (Nong Bua Lamphu-Non Sang) for about 36 km to

Ban Nong Wang. Turn left and continue for about 5 km. The site is also accessible by Nong Bua Lamphu-Non Sang buses.

2. Ban Khud Khwang Soi is on the same route as Ban Khud Kho Moei. Upon arriving, make a right turn, at Ban Nong Wang and continue for about 7 km. Phu Khao and Phu Phan Kham National Parks

A mountain range stretching from north to south, Phu Khao separates Nong Bua Lamphu from Khon Kaen Province. Phu Phan Khom is the range visible to the east of Nam Pong plain. It offers breathtaking vista of Ubol Ratana Reservoir. To the back of the reservoir is a well-known fishery and fishing spot.





Phu Khao is a meandering, labyrinthine mountain. It is home to a plethora of plants and wildlife. It is also a showroom of many interesting rock formations- some having prehistoric palm- paintings on them. In addition to the amazing natural treasures, there is Wat Phra Buddha Bata Phu Khao, the footprints evoked the folklore Phra Suphrom Vimokha and the Nine-tailed Dog.

To get there, take Highway 2146 to the trisection of Ban Soke Cham. Turn left onto Ban Soke Cham-Ubol Ratana Dam Road. The distance is about 54 km to park office. The park can be reached by local buses running on Si Bun Ruang -

Ubol Ratana Dam route.

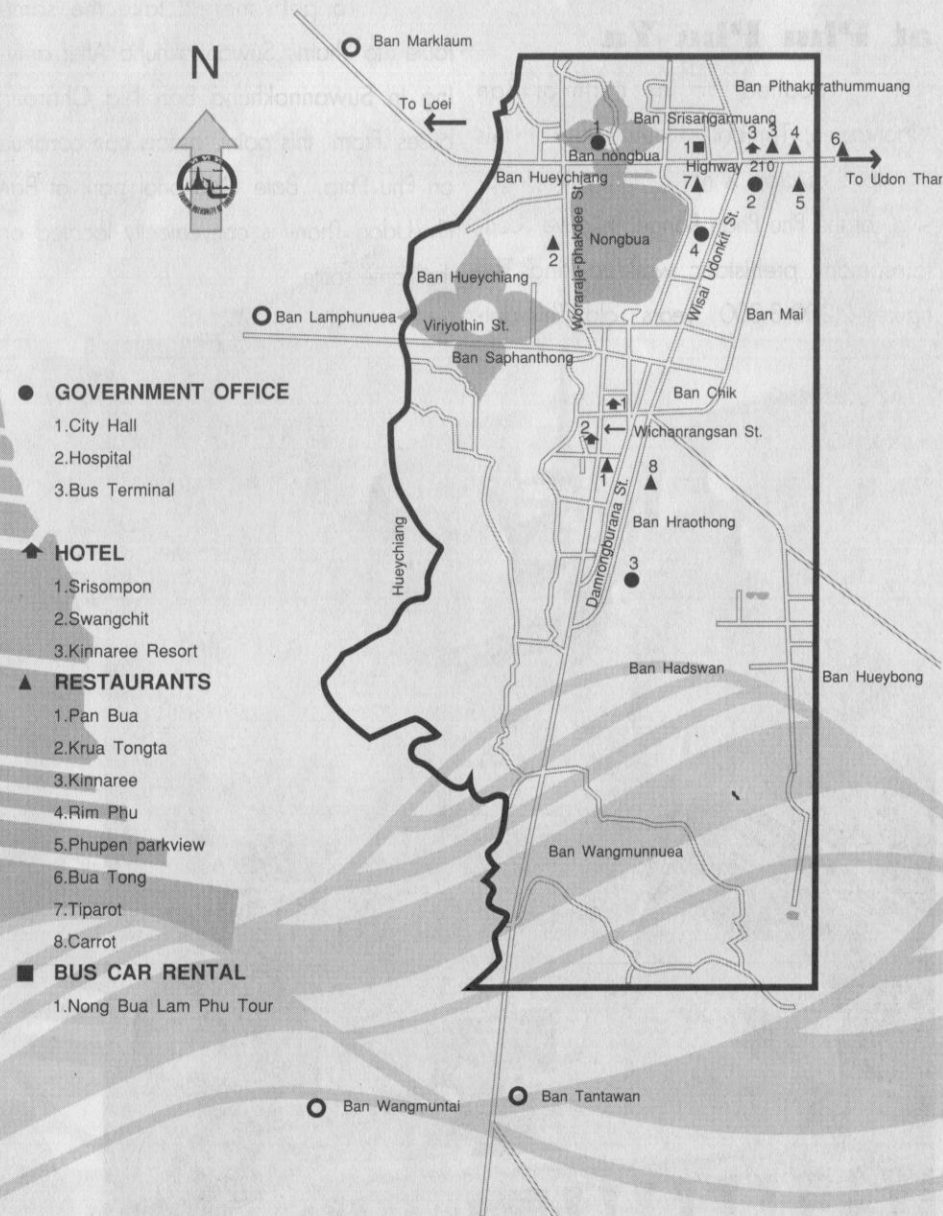
Tham Suwannakhuha cave

Located at Wat Thamkhuha, Ban Khuha Pattana, Moo7, Tambol Na Dee. The Cave, s interior houses artifacts and a plaster image of Lord Buddha in the meditation stance.

The image, it is believed, was build in the period of Phra Chao Chaiya Chettha Thiraj of Vientiane

To get there, take Highway 210 en rout to Nong Bua Lamphu - Wang Sa Phung. Turn right at Hihgway 2097 junction and continue to Anphoe Suwannakhuha. From their, take Chaiya Chettha Road to

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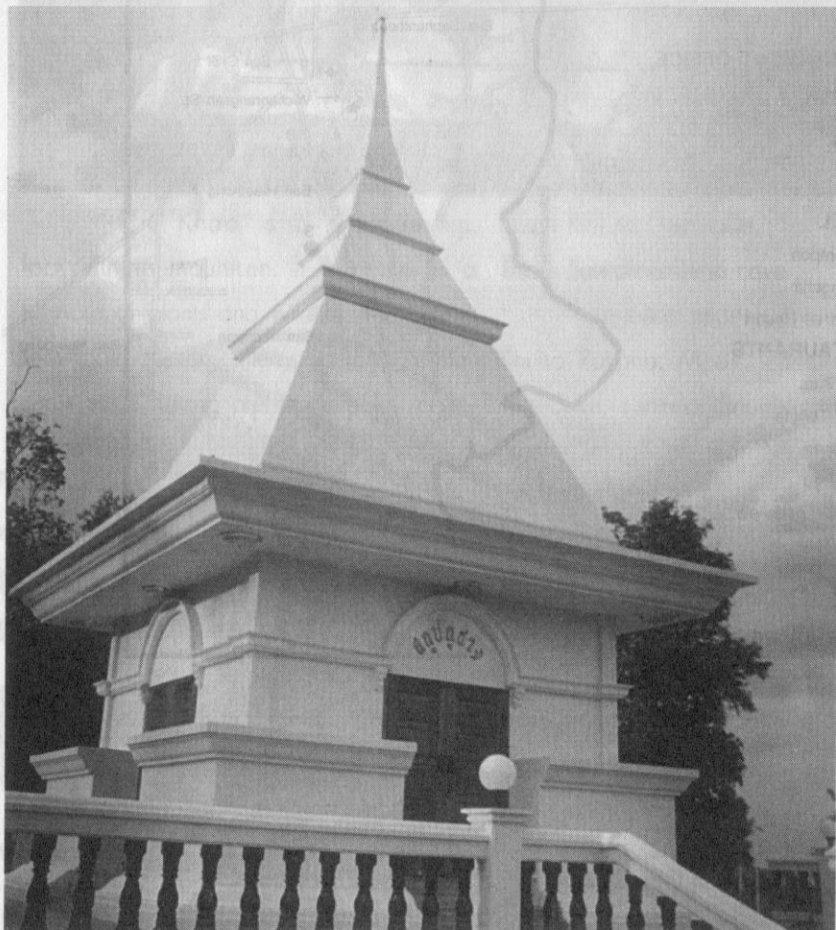
one km). Turn right and continue for about 4 km.

Archaeological Site at Phu Pha Ya

Located to the north of Ban Nacharoen, Tambol Dong Ma Fai, this limestone outcrop is not a mountain inclusive of the Phu Phan Range. Its cave contains many prehistoric wall paintings. The figures 2,000-3,000 years old. This dat-

ing is close to that of the painting also closely resemble the paintings at Lai Cliff in Kwan Zhi China

To get there, take the same route to Tham Suwannakhuha. After arriving in Suwannakhuha Ban Na Charoen buses. From this point, visitors can continue on Phu Phra Bate National park at Ban Phu. Udon Thani is conveniently located on the same route



Rafting in Huai Phu Government Sector Wang Reservoir (area cord 042)

Indulge in the beautiful scenery amidst natural environment of Huai Pha Wang Reservoir. The unique feature of the raft is its pulley, which allows the float to be pulled back and forth between islands. Rafts with on-board food and drinks are available at low prices. Floatation devices, like life jackets and inner tubes are also available. The site is located in Amphoe Na Wang on Highway 2 (Nong Bua Lamphu - Loei). From the province, the distance is about 45 km and two more kilometers after the left turn.

Accommodations

Khinnaree Resort

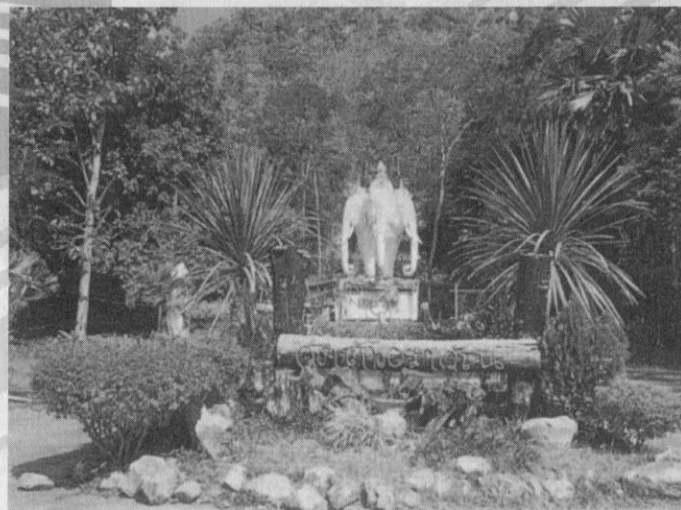
274 Nong Bua Lamphu-udon Thani Road
11 Room (air-conditioned)
price 350 bahts Tell. 0-4236-0091

VIP Inn

Ban Wang Meun Nong Bua- Si Bun Ruang Road 11 Room (air-conditioned)
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Natthapong Resort

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Amphoe Na Klang

From Bangkok to Nong Bua Lamphu

By car

From Bangkok , NongBua Lamphu can be reached via the following routes

1. Take Highway 1 (phaholyothin Rd) to Highway 2 (Friendship RD) to Nakhon Ratchasima - khon kean -Udon Thani turn left onto Highway 210, and head pass Amphoe Nong Wu Soa Udon Thani arriving at Nong Bua Lamphu.Total distance is 608 km.

2. Upon arriving khon kean , turn left onto Highway 2109 (Amphoe Nam pong Ubol Ratana Dam) and eater through Amphoe Nong Sang to reach Nong Bua Lamphu .Total Distance is 559 km.

3. After Nakhon Ratchasima ,turn left toward Amphoes Phu Kheow , Chumphae, and Si Bun Ruang Follow Highway 228 untill arriving at Nong Bua Lamphu . Total distance is584 km.

Local bus

Buses leave from the Northeast Terminal on Kham Phang Phet 2 for Nong Bua Lamphu .Several time a day there are different lines to choose from they are.

Bangkok - Chaiyaphum - Chumphae- Chumphu-Si Bun Ruang -Nong Bua Lamphu .(normal and air - conditioned)

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Si chaingmai (Normal and air conditioned)

Bangkok - Nong Bua Lamphu

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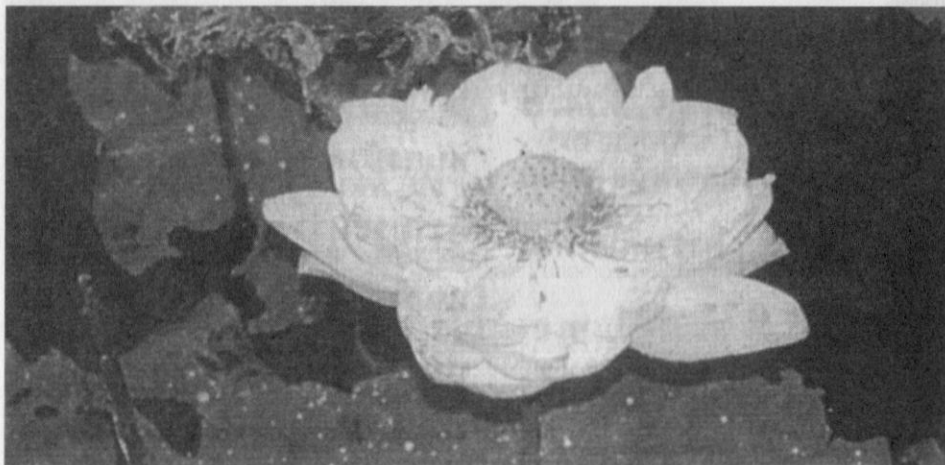
By rail

Take the rail line that goes to Udon thani , or Nongkhai , then continue to Nong Bua Lamphu by local buses.

By plane

Travelers must fly to udon Thani Airport then continue the journey by local transportation

Note: There are two -- benched pick-up trucks offering runs around the city, and local buses providing service to other Amphoes and neighboring provinces.



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